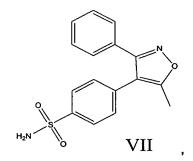
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A method of treating a carbonic anhydrase associated disorder in a subject in need of treatment thereof, the disorder being selected from the group consisting of drug-induced edema, epilepsy, acute mountain sickness, familial periodic paralysis, metabolic alkalosis, optic neuropathy, pseudomotor cerebri, and cystoid macular edema, the method comprising administering a selective cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitor, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof, to the subject in an amount effective to treat the disorder.
- 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the selective cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitor contains a sulfonamide moiety.
- 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the selective cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitor is a compound selected from the group consisting of:



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4. The method of claim 3 wherein the selective cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitor is

5. The method of claim 3 wherein the selective cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitor is

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof.

- 6. A method of treating a carbonic anhydrase associated disorder in a subject in need of treatment thereof, the method comprising administering a selective cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitor, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof, to the subject in an amount effective to treat the disorder, wherein the selective cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitor is a compound selected from
- wherein the selective cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitor is a compound selected from the group consisting of:

7. The method of claim 6 wherein the selective cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitor is

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof.

The method of claim 6 wherein the selective cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitor 8. is

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- 9. The method of claim 6 wherein the carbonic anhydrase associated disorder is selected from the group consisting of drug-induced edema, epilepsy, acute mountain sickness, familial periodic paralysis, metabolic alkalosis, optic neuropathy, pseudomotor cerebri, and cystoid macular edema.
- 10. The method of claim 9 wherein the carbonic anhydrase associated disorder is acute mountain sickness.
- 11. The method of claim 9 wherein the carbonic anhydrase associated disorder is familial periodic paralysis.
- 12. The method of claim 9 wherein the carbonic anhydrase associated disorder is cystoid macular edema.